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Dear Jim,

Thanks for your letter of the 26th, which got here yesterday.

Why don't I phone you next time I'm in DC? I suppose I will be some time next week. I'm preparing to file three more suits under 5 U.S.C.552, have already drafted the complaints, and will have to be conferring on them.

As to who would publish the projected article, have you forgotten it was your idea, with which I was in hearty accord, that we ask the Progressive?

Meanwhile, the mere threat is suits is, in some cases, producing what has been suppressed. I have just done something new, given an agency a deadline in which to reply, telling them their persistent and undeviating delays are in themselves a violation of the law and that if I do not get a response in two weeks, with the long record of the long years, I'll interpret that as a waiver of their right to expect any further delays pending action on the appeal and will file promptly! This is an effort to give the law visbility, and what I seek should make a good piece in itself.

I have also gone further and suggested to my lawyer that we file a tort action, alleging the violations of the law also constitute a damage against me for which we should attempt to collect. If he agrees, I think we have moved Freedom a further step forward.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg